(e) The Committee will take into consideration the recommendations of the National Police Commission and the views of the State Governments. Views of the State Governments have already been sought in this regard.

(f) Functional improvement in the core areas of policing by increased investment, better training and capacity building is required. This involves up-gradation in communications, weaponry, forensic setup, transport and improving the quality of investigation. However, Police being an entry in the State List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, the State Governments have the primary responsibility to control crime and respond to new challenges of law and order situation. The Central Government has been assisting the State Governments for modernization of their police forces, for raising India Reserve Battalions and also providing Central Paramilitary Forces to face the emergent challenges.

Allowing NRIs Investment in AIR Transport Services

75. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:
SHRI ABANI ROY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 2434 given in the Rajya Sabha on 17th August, 2005 and to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated new scheme to issue Smart Cards to persons registered as Overseas Citizens of India/persons of Indian Origin/Non-Resident Indians;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme;

(c) whether registered holders of "PIO Card" under Sec. 7A of Citizenship Act, 1966 are allowed to invest in the air transport services sector including domestic airlines as is allowed in the case of NRIs under the scheme of the Government; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. So far Overseas Citizen of India registered under section 7A of the Citizenship Act, 1955 has not been allowed to invest in the air transport services in the country.